

House Resolution 122 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY PALMER and UPMEYER
1 3 A Resolution honoring the work of the department of
1 4 elder affairs and Iowa's area agencies on aging
1 5 home-delivered nutrition programs and March for
1 6 Meals campaign.
1 7 WHEREAS, the department of elder affairs provides
1 8 advocacy, educational, and prevention services to
1 9 older Iowans so they can find Iowa a healthy, safe,
1 10 productive, and enjoyable place to live and work; and
1 11 WHEREAS, the Iowa home-delivered meal program helps
1 12 those men and women in communities across Iowa who are
1 13 age 60 and over, homebound, disabled, frail, and at
1 14 risk; and
1 15 WHEREAS, the Iowa home-delivered meal program
1 16 provides nutritious meals to individuals who are
1 17 experiencing long-term chronic conditions as well as
1 18 those who may just need short-term assistance; and
1 19 WHEREAS, good nutrition is essential to good
1 20 health, and the meals provided contribute to the
1 21 overall well-being of Iowa's seniors by helping them
1 22 to remain independent and in their own homes and
1 23 communities and by helping them to avoid premature or
1 24 unnecessary institutionalization; and
1 25 WHEREAS, the Iowa area agencies on aging nutrition
1 26 programs serve this state's older population; and
1 27 WHEREAS, currently there are 571,000 Iowans over
1 28 the age of 60 representing 19 percent of Iowa's
1 29 population. By the year 2020, this number is
1 30 projected to be 753,000, or one-quarter of Iowa's
2 1 population; and
2 2 WHEREAS, the demand for services to support older
2 3 adults in their homes and communities will continue to
2 4 increase at an astounding pace due to the increasing
2 5 numbers of aging Iowans; and
2 6 WHEREAS, it was during the month of March that the
2 7 law was enacted establishing senior meal programs in
2 8 the Older Americans Act of 1965; home-delivered meal
2 9 programs across the country now conduct local,
2 10 community-based March for Meals awareness campaigns;
2 11 NOW THEREFORE,
2 12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 13 That the House of Representatives during the month of
2 14 March:
2 15 1. Recognizes the important work the department of
2 16 elder affairs, Iowa's area agencies on aging, and
2 17 local nutrition programs throughout the state do in
2 18 preventing senior hunger and improving the quality of
2 19 life for approximately 15,000 of our state's seniors
2 20 each year;
2 21 2. Recognizes the important role the department of
2 22 elder affairs and the area agencies on aging play in
2 23 increasing awareness of the need for senior nutrition
2 24 programs and wellness;
2 25 3. Honors the nutrition programs for their
2 26 continuing hard work and dedication on behalf of our
2 27 state's seniors; and
2 28 4. Encourages elected officials to support their
2 29 local senior nutrition programs by participating in
2 30 their March for Meals events and delivering meals to
3 1 homebound seniors in a community within their
3 2 district.
3 3 LSB 6494HH 82
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